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My Dear Friend:

74 Thanks to you for your prompt and generous response to the Call for a Convention to protest against penal legislation in favor of a Sabbatical observance, and to explode a mischievous delusion everywhere prevailing, that one day in the week is more holy than another - that we are to give one-seventh portion of our time to God, and the rest we may devote to "secular" matters! I regard this as one of the great reformatory movements of the age - and, assuredly, it will shake all Christendom - certainly all Priestdom. I am more and more convinced, that the prevalence of just views in regard to the Sabbath is essential to the deliverance of the people from the power of priestcraft and the bondage of false worship.

It was gratifying to receive the names of dear James and Lucretia Mott, to be appended to the Call. Theodore Parker has heartily signed it, and I presume William Henry Channing will also add his signature. We shall have a select, but potent array of names of good men and women, (worthy of primitive types,) worthy of any age, and equal to any crisis. The Call will appear in next week's Liberator - then look out for an "orthodox" sensation in all parts of the land!

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One great object of the Convention is, not merely for discussion, but for action — to place on record sentiments and doctrines, calculated to enlighten all inquiring minds. To this end, we have divided the Sabbatical question into various parts — each part to constitute a distinct essay for a tract, and the whole to form a volume, which shall cover the entire ground — as follows: —

I The Nature and History of the Seventh-day Sabbath — showing it to have been purely Jewish in its origin and design. By C. C. Burleigh. (2 parts, 1 really on tyranny of pseudo enactments — 1 on what to do)

II History of the First-day Sabbath By Theodore Parker. (Sabbath — a human institution)

III The Worship of God — what is it? Henry C Wright. (showing it is not a religion of time or place)

IV The Physiological Argument — "Man and beast need rest." Wm L Garrison

V The assumed judgments upon Sabbath-breakers. Edmund Quincy.

VI A Compilation of the views of Luther, Calvin, Tyndale, Penn, Barclay, Fox, &c, &c, on the Sabbath question — with a running commentary. Wendell Phillips.

VII How Sabbatizing stands directly in the way of all the reforms of the age. Parker Pillsbury.

VIII How shall a day of rest be best observed

by the people? Charles K. Whipple

IX. Tyranny of penal legislation in favor of the Sabbath. John W. Browne

If all these essays can be elaborately prepared, and presented to the Convention for their adoption, they will be of great value in carrying on the controversy throughout Christendom; for rely upon it, my dear friend, both sides of the Atlantic are to be shaken by this great question. Already, great agitation prevails in Scotland respecting the observance of the Sabbath. The blood-stained, pseudo "Free Church" is in the field, and Dr. Candlish, I understand, has proposed that ten thousand pounds be raised to carry on their Sabbatical operations! A "Sabbath League" has been formed, intended to unite the various sects in one powerful combination, and to co-operate with the "American and Foreign Sabbath Union" in this country. Hence the enemy is already in the field — the conflict has already commenced — and "God defend the right!" Under these circumstances, our contemplated Convention may be regarded as specially opportune.

Your voluntary proposal, to give $50 towards carrying out the object of the Convention is equally generous and seasonable. For publishing the tracts alluded to, means will be needed to print them for distribution. Other kind friends will doubtless contribute something to scatter

light and knowledge on this subject. I hope you will be able to attend the Convention.

Please remember me kindly to your dear wife, and accept for yourself the assurance of my increasing regard.

Wm. Lloyd Garrison.

Edward M. Davis.